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<u>USSR-Iran</u>: The Shah has said there was no discussion of military aid during his recent talks in Moscow.

He visited the USSR from 24 September to 3 October and told the US ambassador in Tehran this week that prospects for additional arms purchases from the Soviets are receding, but he provided no details. The Iranians, however, will probably have to negotiate another contract with the Soviets to obtain additional parts for equipment delivered under an agreement signed in January 1967. They have already received about half of the armored personnel carriers, antiaircraft guns, and vehicles called for in that \$110-million contract.

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The discussions, according to the Shah, were devoted to economic relations. The Soviets have already extended \$545 million in credits to Iran, and there are nearly 1,300 Soviet economic technicians and advisers there.

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